

ARREST DATA

In addition to the monthly reports on the number of index crimes reported, law enforcement agencies also submit monthly forms detailing the number of persons arrested. For UCR statistical purposes, “arrests” also include those persons cited or summonsed for criminal acts in lieu of actual physical custody. These forms categorize the arrests by offense classification (both Part I and Part II crimes), and by age, sex and race. The same individual may be arrested several times over a period of time; each separate arrest is counted. A person may be arrested on several charges at one time; only one arrest is counted and is listed under the most serious charge. For UCR purposes, a juvenile is counted as “arrested” when the circumstances are such that if he or she were an adult, an arrest would result; in fact, there may not have been a formal charge.

During 2005:

- 14.2% of all arrests were juveniles, 85.8% were adults.
- Index offenses accounted for 30.9% of juvenile arrests.
- For adults, 12.0% of arrests were for index offenses.
- One quarter (25.0%) of adult arrests were between the ages of 25–34, inclusive.

The total number of arrests for 2005 was down 1.9%. Part I offenses were down 2.0%, Part II offenses were down 1.9%.

The report form on juvenile arrests used by the police agencies in Maine includes a section on the disposition of each person. These categories are as follows.

Disposition	Number	Percent Distribution
1. Handled within the department (released to parents, etc.)	985	12.7%
2. Referred to juvenile court or juvenile intake	6,157	79.5%
3. Referred to welfare agency (i.e., Dept. of Health & Human Services)	37	0.5%
4. Referred to other police agency	38	0.5%
5. Referred to criminal or adult court	523	6.8%
Total Dispositions	7,740	100.0%

(Percentages may not equal 100% because of rounding.)

Opposite is a summary of total arrests made this year and last. On page 50 begins a section showing arrests made by each reporting agency in the state. County arrest summaries and a statewide total may be found on pages 73–75.

The table on pages 76–77 shows total state arrests classified by age and sex; that on pages 78–79 gives arrest data for the last ten years; and that on page 80 shows a breakdown of arrests by age category.

<i>Total Arrests — Percent Change 2004–2005</i>			
Offenses	2004	2005	% Change
Murder	21	14	-33.3%
Forcible Rape	105	116	10.5%
Robbery	168	186	10.7%
Aggravated Assault	580	513	-11.6%
Burglary	1,273	1,233	-3.1%
Larceny-Theft	5,630	5,582	-0.9%
Motor Vehicle Theft	352	314	-10.8%
Arson	47	52	10.6%
Subtotal for Part I Offenses	8,176	8,010	-2.0%
Manslaughter	4	—	-100.0%
Other Assaults	6,861	6,891	0.4%
Forgery and Counterfeiting	346	390	12.7%
Fraud	1,048	937	-10.6%
Embezzlement	26	32	23.1%
Stolen Property: Buy, Receive, Possess	293	234	-20.1%
Vandalism	1,629	1,622	-0.4%
Weapons: Possession, etc.	320	356	11.3%
Prostitution and Commercialized Vice	29	25	-13.8%
Sex Offenses	304	292	-3.9%
Drug Abuse Violations	5,625	5,252	-6.6%
Gambling	—	3	100.0%
Offenses against Family	334	480	43.7%
Driving under the Influence	7,274	7,274	—
Liquor Laws	3,566	4,104	15.1%
Drunkenness	38	22	-42.1%
Disorderly Conduct	1,808	1,750	-3.2%
All Other (except Traffic)	17,646	16,618	-5.8%
Curfew and Loitering	69	100	44.9%
Runaways	158	108	-31.6%
Subtotal for Part II Offenses	47,378	46,490	-1.9%
GRAND TOTAL — ARRESTS	55,554	54,500	-1.9%